



North Beach E-Mail Newsletter

Spring 2003

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Information & Comments
305-604-CITY (2489)

Office of the Mayor and Commission
305-673-7030

Office of the City Manager
305-673-7010

Police (non-emergency)
305-673-7900
Fire (non-emergency)
305-673-7120

Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Approximately 65 North Beach residents attended the City of Miami Beach Neighborhood Services meeting held on Monday, April 30, 2003, in the Biscayne Elementary School cafeteria. The school is located at 800 77th Street in North Beach.

Bob Middaugh, Assistant City Manager, facilitated the meeting. Representatives from the City's administration attended the meeting to hear issues directly from City of Miami Beach residents.

The following issues were identified as priorities by the attendees:

1. Need for a comprehensive program for removing trash and debris from the waterways throughout North Beach.
2. Provide outreach to the stores that use shopping carts and work cooperatively to get the stores to prevent the carts from being removed from their premises.
3. Request for information to be provided regarding the removal of dead animals from city rights of way 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
4. Request for the Police Department to step up enforcement of quality of life issues in North Beach.
5. Request for explanation of trash removal rules pertaining to apartment buildings.

Waterways - Trash/Debris Removal

A request was made to the City of Miami Beach

**Neighborhood
Services**
305-673-7077

**Community
Resource &
Outreach**
305-673-7580

**Parks &
Recreation**
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste
Pick-Up
Appointment**
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

**Water & Sewer
Streets
Sidewalks
Streetlights
Storm water**
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

FPL
(Power outages & street
lights on wooden poles)
305-442-8770

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Vivian P. Guzman, Director
Neighborhood Services
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administration to concentrate efforts and resources to the clean up of trash and debris along the banks and in the water systems throughout the North Beach area. The need to replace missing and new signage for safety of boaters and manatees was also identified. The City departments will be working together to address solutions to these issues. The Miami Beach Police Department, Marine Patrol, Public Works, Neighborhood Services and Parks Departments will assess the conditions and recommend appropriate actions. The City will work with the community to organize special clean up events.

Shopping Carts

Publix Supermarket has been successful in implementing a program to prevent shopping carts from being removed from the market premises at 67th and Collins Avenue. There are several other businesses in the area with shopping carts that are not protected from leaving their business locations and the carts are ending up in the waterways and abandoned along the streets. The City will contact those businesses to be more responsible in keeping the carts on their property and to be responsible for the retrieval of any carts that may have been taken away from their home base. Additionally, the City's Public Works Department is exploring the possibility of creating an ordinance placing the responsibility of keeping shopping carts at the properties to which they are owned and to create penalties against the owners of the carts if they do not keep hold of the carts.

Dead Animals on the Street

Residents requested information on how to arrange for the removal of dead animals from the City's rights of way after hours and on weekends. The City has a 24 hour Public Works Department number that should be called. The number is 305-673-7625. The Public Works

control room operator will take the information and report it to the Sanitation Department. The Sanitation Department will pick up the animal the following day. The Sanitation Department provides services to the community seven days a week. During regular business hours please call the Answer Center at 305-604-CITY to report this type of incident and to request removal.

Police Enforcement/Quality of Life

The Police Department received complaints from meeting attendees and pledged to forward the concerns to their appropriate offices within the department for action. Complaints addressed homelessness, prostitution, pandering, drug use, gangs, public urination, defecation and speeding in North Beach neighborhoods. The Police Department works closely with Neighborhood Associations to resolve issues. The Department conducts Homeless Outreach Missions with the City's Homeless Outreach Division of the Neighborhood Services Department and works closely with the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

Apartments - Trash Removal

Apartment buildings with 8 units or more, on private garbage collection service, must contact their service provider for bulk and yard waste pick up. Residents on City of Miami Beach service pick up are eligible to use the City's Trash and Recycling Center located at 2800 Meridian Avenue.
